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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2

6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the information disclosure statements submitted on 5/8/03 has been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

3. Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13-15, 17-18, 20-26, 29, 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ogle (US Pat. Number 6,430,604).

Regarding claim 1, Ogle discloses a system for enabling message system to deliver instant messages to a subscriber based on the subscriber profile (see Abstract, Figs. 5F1, 5F2, 5G) which would include all the claimed limitation, wherein the registry would read on the “subscriber profile” as claimed (see Fig. 3, col. 7, line 23 - col. 8, line 67), the instant messages would read on “real-time communication message” as claimed (see col. 1, lines 20-23).

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Regarding claim 14, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses a gateway and servers as claimed (see Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 20-40).

Regarding claim 23, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses a computer-readable medium as claimed (see col. 6, lines 1-65 and columns 15-16).

Regarding claims 2, 15, 24, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses one of text, voice messages as claimed (see col. 9, lines 43-59).

Regarding claims 3, 17, 25, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses operating information (time) of one of devices as claimed (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claims 4, 18, 26, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses one of informations as claimed (see Fig. 3, col. 7, line 57 - col. 8, line 67).

Regarding claims 7, 29, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses formats conversion as claimed (see Fig. 5F2, ref. 730 and col. 9, lines 43-59).

Regarding claim 9, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses one of formats conversion as claimed (see Fig. 5F2, ref. 730 and col. 9, lines 43-59).

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Regarding claims **13, 22, 33**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses an instant message as claimed.

Regarding claims **20-21**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses protocols as claimed (see Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 44-67).

Regarding claim **34**, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses the medium comprises one of components as claimed (see Fig. 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims **5-6, 8, 10, 16, 19, 27-28, 30** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by **Ogle**.

Regarding claims **5-6, 19, 27-28**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, since indicating a preference format for a device in the subscriber profile is known in the art (Official Notice), it would have been obvious to one skill in

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the art to modify **Ogle** for providing a preference format as claimed, for providing the user a personalize service as an enhanced feature.

Regarding claims **8, 30**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 13, 23 above. In addition, **Ogle** discloses formats conversion in response to a subscriber input as claimed (see col. 10, lines 8-46), wherein it is clear that when selecting an alternative delivery option by the user input which has a different format, the message format would obviously be converted to the alternative delivery format (see col. 8, lines 7-67) in order to delivery the message without error.

Regarding claim **10**, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, since such GIF and WBMP formats are known in the art (Official Notice), it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to modify **Ogle** for using format as claimed, for cost saving.

Regarding claim **16**, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 13 above. In addition, since routing a multi-media message is known in the art (Official Notice), it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to modify **Ogle** for providing a message as claimed, for providing the service as an enhanced feature to users.

6. Claims **11-12, 31-32** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by **Ogle** in view of **Woltz** (US Pat No. **6,216,165**).

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Regarding claims 11-12, 31-32, **Ogle** discloses all the claimed limitations ,see claim 1 above, except for the message is routed to two devices. However, in an analogous art, **Woltz** also discloses a system for enabling message system to deliver a message to a subscriber based on the subscriber profile, wherein a first component (header notification) and a second component (content information, newsletter) of the message are delivered each to a different device (see col. 5, line 60 - col. 6, line 14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to provide the above teaching of **Woltz** to **Ogle** for sending components of message to two different devices at two formats as claimed, as an enhanced service to the user (i.e, a traveling user would be aware of a message have been received at home).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- **Jonsson** (PCT Pub. Number WO 02/35778), A multi device router.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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May 28, 2003

